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### MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB, INC.

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#### PROGRAMS

Two programs are scheduled for the month of July. On JULY 10th Eugene Lurcott, W3 DSD, will discuss 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  meter equipment. Also, an attempt is being made to obtain the film of the Bombing of London for showing this same evening. Since an effort is to be made to organize equipment and personnel for the opening of WERS activity, be sure to attend. (See special announcement enclosed)

JULY 24th. Charles Campbell, W9UEM, our mail dispatching secretary, is to branch out into new fields. He will present questions and answers on radio fundamentals. We'll bet he can stump YOU.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE FCC FOR REGISTRATION OF ALL AMATEUR TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT. APPLICATION FOR THIS REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE AUGUST 25th., AND MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION HAVING POSSESSION OF THE EQUIPMENT. WHETHER HE IS THE LICENSEE OR NOT. REQUEST BLANKS FROM FCC, 246 U. S. COURT HOUSE, CHICAGO, ILL., OR FROM YOUR NEAREST FCC OFFICE.

#### PAST PROGRAMS

Just to prove that it is possible to arrange entertaining programs from our own members, the IRC, during the month of June, presented several interesting and widely diversified discourses, as well as motion pictures of news events and scientific accomplishments. The pictures were presented by Eugene Lurcott, Bill Leuth, Arnold Dickmeyer, and Fritz Manning. Subject matter included the Electron Microscope, News reels, various club outings, the 1933 Hamfest, and the 1940 convention. Many old acquaintances were renewed, and pleasant memories revived through these pictures. Dr. R. J. Pickhardt's Story of Osteopathy was a highlight, presented in the engaging manner of which only Doc is capable. Vic Meyers of the Link Observatory presented a very entertaining discourse and accompanying lantern slides. Between Mr. Meyers and Curt Springer, some of the boys are feeling the urge to become star gazers.

#### BIG FEED

Sunday, June 7, was set aside for one of those all day feeds for which the gang here in Indianapolis and environs is justly famed. Although notice of gathering was not given very far in advance, the word spread around and a goodly crowd attended. As is usual at these 'feeds, there was grub aplenty; however, we noted that the problem of distribution still has not been solved, since some of the gourmets were able to reach only two pieces of pie while others were able to put the clutch on three or four. For once we saw others who could hold as much as Don Davis. It was a revelation. Ye Ed slept soundly after the feed and neglected to garner the names of those attending, so with apologies in advance for any omissions, the following is a list of guests, presented from memory:

NON-EATIN' GUESTS: Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Merritt and family, W9UDQ; Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Pickhardt and son, W9TG.

EATIN' GUESTS: Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Eaton and son, (W9AUN); Mr. & Mrs. Donovan M. Davis (W9JYP); Miss Margaret Kissel, (YL W9DNQ); Mr. & Mrs. L. T. Waggoner and son (W9YMW); Mr. N. B. Trusler, (W9FOS); Mr. & Mrs. Webb Broadus (W9UGH); Mr. Bert Bucy (W9NVD); Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Manning and family, (W9VPN); Mr. & Mrs. Russell Watson and son (W9AHU); Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Luccott, W3DSD; Mr. & Mrs. Martin Osborn, (W9DKP); Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Dickmeyer, (W9JPX); Mrs. Greeson and son Ernest (W9TCT); Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Nelson (W9BHC).

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Those of you who joined in the group subscription to QST may rest easily again. The list went forward to the league two weeks ago. Ye Ed. did Not make off with the Moolah.

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It is rumored that Nelson Trusler has forsaken the drawing board for the more mundane work of the shop. We hear that not only is he a boss but he also has a whole department full of blondes.

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Arnold Finchum, W9FVQ, of the U. S. Navy, visited the club June 19th, while on leave.

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We wish to extend a cordial welcome to J. F. Hancock, W9RMT, who became a member of our organization at a recent meeting.

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Charley Mitten tells us that Lynn Hull, W9NPV, has been vacationing with his folks near Topeka, Kas. . .

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A letter from Max Stout who is also in the Navy, sends greetings to the gang and promises to put us on his visiting list as soon as he can get leave.

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Bob Caskey, W9DNQ, Seems to be able to get his name in the paper with almost no effort. He is one of the most globe trottingest boys we have in the army. His latest address is as follows: Pvt. R. K. Caskey, Company T, 14th Sig. Serv. Reg., Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Bob says "Join the army, and see the world through a pull-man car window."

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Opportunity is knocking at our door! Will we bother to answer? Last December every man, woman and child possessing a ham ticket clamored loud and long for a chance to get in and do their bit at civilian defense with a key, mike, wig-wag, or what have you. For reasons well known to all, that opportunity was denied.

Now a plan has been made whereby we can all get out a couple of days a week and have a lot of excitement and fun and aid in an important work, and the plethora of un-enthusiasm is astounding!!!

What has happened to all the boys who were ready, able and willing a few short weeks ago? The plans then, or lack of them, made the cessation of amateur radio in any form a certainty. Now the thing has been carefully thought out, the WERS without a loop hole and marvelous opportunity to get in and pitch, and have a swell time in the bargain, and show everybody that hams are still the answer, and you could hear a pin drop!!!!

Indianapolis seems to be alone in this apathy; the fellows all around the state are going great guns. Makes a fellow feel kinda ashamed to think of it, but there it is. The largest assembly of hams in the state, and the least present response.

Nelson Trusler, W9FOS, is the man to see. Read July QST, determine if you have the

necessary gear or can get it, let Nelson know about it and stand by for action. Be sure you are registered in the AEC. How about a little steam???

Ham radio in Indianapolis isn't dead; it's just sick!!! Shall we revive it???

LeRoy T. Waggoner, W9YMW

SCM Indiana.

ED. Note In addition we might mention that Nelson B. Trusler has been appointed Radio Aide for local WERS work, and has as his able assistants Donovan M. Davis and Charles E. Campbell. Complete information will be given to all those desiring to get on the air, at the regular meeting July 10th. If you wish to do your part in this vital effort, be present Friday evening to hear the news.

TO THE EDITOR OF AMACHEWER: Greetings:

It would seem to a reflective person in the peace and calm of Speedway that certain individuals with a self advertised reputation for veracity are apt to lose that reputation if they persist in committing such deplorable mayhem on the unvarnished truth.

Now, of course no truth filter was ever needed on this end of the circuit, for you can't filter out prevarications with any sort of a filter, no matter how complicated or efficient, if no such critter existed in the first place.

Then I hear that the Tall Gentleman was aided and abetted by a doctor sans portefeuille so to speak from the wilds of Shelby County in this perpetration of a half truth, or maybe three-quarters. Anyone with half an eye can see by merely breathing a couple of deep breaths of Speedway air that this section of the universe was made first, Johnson Co., made of the leavin's and there just wasn't enough of anything left to make even Shelby Co.

The only unfortunate thing about the whole business is that there just isn't enough room in Speedway to crowd in all of Indiana, although Allison's and the war are doing a fair job of it. It's a crying shame that so many people have to be deprived of the chance of living here, THE Garden Spot, all the laud emanations from Franklin and Morristown notwithstanding.

If the undersigned has succeeded in stepping on any toes, well you come out to Speedway some Sunday! Anyhow, after the duration is durated, you'll be able to buy YMW's Sure-Cure Corn Killer even in Johnson Co.,

EDITOR AMACHEWER:

Yaller Mountain Violet.

Dear Mr. Editor: Not much news in these here parts, but just wondered if you knew that PLG-Bill, formerly with the NEWS at Greensburg and Greencastle, left their employ and is now in some phase of radio work, civil service, in Columbus, Ohio, and that his xyl, LaVerne and little Betty Ruth will soon go over to live with him again. And did you notice the comment in Walter Winchell's column recently about the force on a metropolitan daily paper being burned up because none of their gang had been able to cop a commission in the serviced of Uncle Sam except one of the copy boys on the paper, and he was made Captain, and the difference was, the copy boy was a radio ham. That's worth a re-print in our Amachever. (Can't locate it Doc, but glad you have given the information- FB)

Then about JPB-Gene, of Traffeljagger and the snake he killed on a fishing trip down in Brown Co., as reported in the Franklin STAR, it had nine rattles and a button on it, but the low-down must be thus: Once upon a when, a feller was rishing that same water and had taken a third swig from a bottle of prophylactic for snake bite, and as he did so, heard a noise at his feet. Before swallowing, he looked down, and a snake with a frog in it's mouth was there right by him. The feller spat in the snakes eye, the snake dropped the frog so it could wipe its eye with its feeler and then slithered away.